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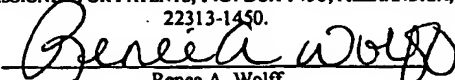
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the final Office Action, mailed May 17, 2006, regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend claims 21 and 31 as shown in the following claim listing. Allowance of claims 21-36 in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.